



# Newsletter – 24<sup>th</sup> September 2021

[Please remember to view the school calendar/website for further information](#)

## Our Catholic Mission

The parish newsletter and website [www.romancatholiclichfield.co.uk](http://www.romancatholiclichfield.co.uk) contains information about Masses and other church notices.

Pope Francis has announced that this year is a special year in honour of St Joseph. As our patron, the year of St Joseph will be in our thoughts and preparations for celebrations when restrictions are eased.

## Mass of Dedication

It was so lovely to celebrate our Mass of Dedication with the whole school in the hall. Thank you to all parents and parishioners who attended. We have another whole school Mass at 10 am on Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> September which you are very welcome to attend.

## Secondary School Open Days

### [St Francis of Assisi Prospectus](#)

St Francis of Assisi is our nearest Catholic Secondary School and is a natural progression for children from St. Joseph's to continue their education in the Catholic faith.

Wednesday, 29 <sup>th</sup> September (6 pm)	King Edwards VI
Thursday, 7 <sup>th</sup> October (6.30 pm)	Netherstowe

## Star Workers

Congratulations to our Star Workers this week!

**Pre-School:** Ruby & James

**Reception:** Emma-Ann & Sophie

**Y1:** Oscar & Daisy

**Y2:** Leo & Martha

**Y3:** Conor & Cora

**Y4:** Sebastjan & Sophie W

**Y5:** Jacob H & Daisy

**Y6:** Zach & Bree

**Headteacher's Award:** Lachlan & Francesca Hi



## Attendance

Congratulations to Y1 and Y3, the classes with the highest attendance for this week of 100%!

## Family Lunch – Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> October - Surnames 'D-G'

**Booking deadline: Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> September**

Come and enjoy a school meal with your children on Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> October at 12 pm. Please ensure your account is in credit by £2.76 for your lunch on ParentPay. Please email your choice to [lunches@st-josephs-lichfield.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:lunches@st-josephs-lichfield.staffs.sch.uk). Unfortunately, we will be unable to take bookings after the deadline (28<sup>th</sup> September).

Whilst we enjoy having you in for Family Lunch, please be aware that taking photos is not permitted as you will not be aware of other parents photo preferences for their child who could inadvertently be in the photo. Thank you for your co-operation.

## Summer Reading Challenge 2021

We welcome Liz Leyshon from Lichfield Library to our assembly on Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> September to present certificates to completers and the trophy to the entire school. We will also be enjoying an ice cream reward!

## New School Year Housekeeping

Just a couple of polite reminders as we start the new school year:

- Please name all belongings
- Please email us at [absence@st-josephs-lichfield.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:absence@st-josephs-lichfield.staffs.sch.uk) before 9 am if your child is going to be absent.

## Car Park

Please enter school via the main gates at all times and do not walk through the school car park at any time. It is much safer to use the path way down the side of the school to get to Badgers.

## Inspire Workshops

We are delighted to be able to deliver parental workshops once more. This is a great opportunity for you to come in and work alongside your child in school and find out ways in which you can support them at home. The focus of our Inspire Workshops will be writing.

YR	Thursday, 30 <sup>th</sup> September & Friday, 1 <sup>st</sup> October (2.15 pm – 3.30 pm)
Y1	Thursday, 11 <sup>th</sup> November (2.15 pm – 3.30 pm)
Y2	Monday, 8 <sup>th</sup> November (2.15 pm – 3.30 pm)
Y3	Thursday, 18 <sup>th</sup> November (9.15 am – 10.30 am)
Y4	Wednesday, 17 <sup>th</sup> November (9.15 am – 10.30 am)
Y5	Wednesday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> November (9.15 am – 10.30 am)
Y6	Thursday, 7 <sup>th</sup> October (9.15 am – 10.30 am)

## Pre-School

- Please can the children come to school with a labelled coat (and wellies to keep in school).
- Thank you to the volunteers who helped out on our library trip earlier this week.
- If you have any dolls prams/pushchairs, hats and waistcoats you would like to donate, we would be very grateful.

## Y5/Y6 Diversity Workshops

Thank you to the MEAS team for visiting and presenting their 'Journeys' workshop to Y5 and Y6. The children found it very informative and interesting.

## Y5 Newspaper donations needed please

Y5 will be making Greek vases next week, therefore any newspaper donations will be gratefully received! Thank you.

### **Parents Evenings – 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> October 2021**

You will be able to book your child's appointment through the school website from 8 am on Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> October; bookings will close at 11.55 pm on Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> October. Please note, you will need your School Jotter login details to be able to book an appointment.

### **Communication with parents – School app login**

Our main method of communication is via the School Jotter app. To ensure you get any messages it is important that you download the school app (School Jotter) to your smartphone/tablet and create your login. If you have not yet set up your log-in you can do so by following the '[How to Download and Create a Password on School Jotter/Website](#)' instructions on the school website.

### **Photographer – Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October**

The school photographer will be here on 4<sup>th</sup> October – individual and siblings. If you would like a photograph of your children with their younger siblings who are **NOT** in school, please make sure you arrive **by 8.30am** - photographs can then be taken before registration.

### **Open Days for prospective Parents – 10<sup>th</sup> November and 6<sup>th</sup> December**

If you have a child starting school in September 2022 and would like to come and visit the school, we are holding Open Days on Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> November and Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> December. Tours will be available at 9.30 am and 2 pm on both days. Please call (01543 263505) or email the office ([office@st-josephs-lichfield.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:office@st-josephs-lichfield.staffs.sch.uk)) with your preferred date/time slot.

### **After School Clubs**

Please see the [school website](#) for more details about After School Clubs [Parents/Extra Curricular and Wraparound Care] including football.

### **Secondary School Admissions**

On-line applications for secondary schools has now opened. The closing date for applications is 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021. The best way to apply is online at [www.staffordshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/admissions)

### **Pupil Premium/Free School Meals**

Parents claiming some benefits can claim free school meals for any of their children who are registered at a Staffordshire school and who would normally be at school at lunch time. School meals are a good way to ensure that your child eats well at lunchtime, and you can save yourself time and money.

Even if you don't want your children to have the meals, claiming them helps their school. The more eligible parents who claim meals, the more funding the school receives. To apply online, please click [here](#)

### **Rainbows**

Rainbows provides a safe setting in school in which children can talk through their feelings with their peers who are experiencing similar situations. They are helped to articulate their feelings by a trained facilitator. If you feel your child would benefit from these sessions please speak to a member of staff.

### **PTFA**

Find us on the school website

(<http://stjosephscatholicprimary.sites.schooljotter2.com/our-school/ptfa>) or don't hesitate to give the Chair, Mary, a call or speak to your class rep (names are on the school website) or Facebook "St Joseph's School Lichfield PTFA".

### **And Finally**

Thank you to Y5 for introducing our Y1 class to the whole school in assembly this morning. It was lovely to see so many parents in school to celebrate this assembly with us. Congratulations also to our House Captains, Vice Captains and School Councillors who were presented with their badges in the same assembly.

May God be with you

*Mrs McLeary*

Headteacher

*'St Joseph, husband of Mary, Pray for us'*

